

Title: Terrestrial Invasive Plants**The Problem:**

The State of Wisconsin and public have placed a lot of focus on Aquatic Invasive Plants/Species (AIS) in preventing the spread of identified species into Wisconsin waters. I believe that we have lagged behind on the prevention, and the spread of, Terrestrial Invasive Plants/Species (TIS). We now find miles and miles of our Wisconsin road system overtaken by TIS, such as the Spotted Knapweed and the Tansy.

Many TIS are distributed from soils & roadway gravel suppliers. These suppliers have infestation of TIS at the outside edge of the material supply source or directly in the soil, sand and gravel products. These products are then used on Wisconsin roads or construction sites and a new TIS infestation is newly created.

Many Wisconsin DNR construction projects require that the contractor(s) certify the soil/sand/gravel type products are TIS free.

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Conservation Congress at its annual meeting held in Oneida County on April 8, 2013, recommends that the Conservation Congress work with the Department to take action to correct this situation by introducing rule change(s) to require bulk soil/sand/gravel like material suppliers certify they are providing TIS free products.

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